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SUBJECT: THE SOCIALISTS LOOK FOR WAYS TO CAUSE MORO GOVERN-
MENT TO FALL

1. DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MORNING'S SESSION OF PSI DIRECTORATE
RAISED A NEW THREAT TO MORO GOVERNMENT EVEN AS AGREEMENT WAS
WORKED OUT IN PARLIAMENT TO SUSPEND ABORTION DEBATE FOR A
WEEK.

2. AFTER ANIMATED DEBATE ON CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER LORIS FOR-
TUNA'S OPENING PROPOSAL TO DEMAND NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN JUNE,
PSI DIRECTORATE GAVE MANDATE TO SECRETARY DEMARTINO TO MEET
SEPARATELY WITH LEADERS OF "LARGER POLITICAL FORCES" TO GET
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THEIR VIEWS ON WHAT IS TO BE DONE TO RESOLVE THE COUNTRY'S

PROBLEMS. "LARGER POLITICAL FORCES" IS INTERPRETED TO MEAN THE GOVERNMENT (MORO), THE DC (ZACCAGNINI), THE PCI (BERLINGUER), AND THE CGIL-UIL-CISL. APPARENTLY, THERE ARE NO PLANS TO CONSULT THE OTHER PARTIES.

3. DEMARTINO IS MEETING TODAY WITH MORO AT 1700 LOCAL TIME AND WITH DC SECRETARY AT 1815. THE DIRECTORATE IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME ITS WORK AT 1915.

4. COMMENT: SOCIALISTS ARE CLEARLY MANEUVERING TO CAUSE THE GOVERNMENT TO FALL OF ITS OWN WEIGHT BY EXPOSING ITS INCAPACITY FOR ACTION. IF THE OTHERS DO NOT COOPERATE, THEY NO DOUBT HOPE TO CREATE A POPULAR JUSTIFICATION FOR BRINGING IT DOWN THEMSELVES. DIRECTORATE WAS UNANIMOUS IN ITS JUDGMENT THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS DISINTEGRATING. THERE IS STRONG SENTIMENT IN PSI FOR DEMANDING EITHER SOME SORT OF EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE PCI AT LEAST IN ITS PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY, OR INSISTING ON EARLY ELECTIONS. VOLPE

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